carries out detailed project appraisal for arranging investment clearance by the Planning Commission. It also monitors important multipurpose and irrigation projects for identification and removal of bottlenecks. Water Planning Wing assists in determining water availability and irrigation planning of various projects. Among other things, River Management Wing provides technical assistance in the matters related to flood protection.

Subaranarekha Project

3998. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI:
SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of the Subarnarekha Irrigation Project;

(b) the response received from the concerned State Governments in regard to the proposed/queries made by the Government;

(c) the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government for implementation of the project;

(d) whether appraisal of the Worlk Bank in respect of Subarnarekha Irrigation Project has been received;

(e) if so, the quantum of funds released by the World Bank for the project; and

(f) the extent of cost escalation due to delay in its execution?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) and (f). The project estimated cost of Rs. 221 crores, after technoecomnomic appraisal in Central Water Commission, was found accountable by the Advisory Committee in 1982 subject to State Government's obtaining clearance from environment and forests angle and furnishing an undertaking that it would bear its scare cost in respect of Subarnarekha Multipurpose Project. The modified report for an estimated cost of Rs. 873 crores has been received recently in December, 91 in Central Water Commission. The expenditure incurred on this Project upto end of March, 1991 is about Rs. 145 crores and acticipated expenditure in 1991-92 is Rs. 57 crores. Proposed outlay for 1992-93 is Rs. 76 crores.

(d) and (e). In their aide memoiry of pre-appraisal Mission, the World Bank have stipulated certain conditions namely formation of Joint Regulation Committee for Ichha Dam, Chanoil Dam and Galudih Barrage, furnishing by the Government of Orissa of tangible proof of satisfactory implementation of resettlement and rehabilitation plant for families in the 7 villages affected by construction of Jambira Reserviour, compliance of the actions required for the lifting of the suspension of disbursement under Upper Indravati Power Project and furnishing of tangible proof by the Government of Bihar of satisfactory implementation of resettlement and rehabilitation plans for the families in the first 14 villages affected by the construction of Chandil Dam and of having prepared satisfactory plans for the remaining families affected by the construction of Chandil and Ichha Dams.

The World Bank is to schedule the appraisal mission after compliance of these conditions by the State Governments.

Natural Resources In Sikkim

3999. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to explore the natural resources available in

Sikkim by sending central expert team in Sikkim; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. As a result of survey carried out by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) so far, 24 occurrences of base metal have located in Sikkim. Currently also the G. S. I. is carrying out investigations for base metals in Rorathang - Mamjang - Jamthang sector and is continuing search for potential sulphide mineralization around Pamphukhani, both in East Sikkim district.

Telephone Connections in Ludhiana

4000. SHRI SURY NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone connections were sanctioned in August- October, 1990 for Ludhiana on the recommendations of Members of Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of telephone connections actually provided out of them and number of persons who have not been provided telephone so far; and

(d) the time by which the remaining persons are likely to be provided with telephone connections?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. During the period, ten telephone connections were sectioned on the recommendations of Members of Parliament. Out of these, 3 telephone connections have since been provided and in the remaining 7 cases telephone connections will be provided during April 1992. Details are furnished in statement attached.